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MIDDLE EAST AFRICA BRIEF 164.75.4

1. LEBANON: VIOLENCE IN BEIRUT ON TUESDAY TOOK THE FORM OF SMALL-SCALE FIRE FIGHTS BETWEEN MUSLIM AND CHRISTIAN MILITIAMEN AND SPORADIC SNIPING. ALL ROADS WERE AGAIN DECLARED UNSAFE, BECAUSE BOTH SIDES WERE USING MOBILE ROADBLOCKS AS A MEANS OF KIDNAPING MEMBERS OF OPPOSING GROUPS. 4

EFFORTS TO FIND A POLITICAL SOLUTION ARE AS FALTERING AS EVER. PHALANGIST LEADER PIERRE JUMAYYIL HAS THREATENED TO PULL HIS RIGHT-WING ORGANIZATION OUT OF THE NATIONAL DIALOGUE COMMITTEE, ON THE GROUND THAT ATTACKS ON CHRISTIAN AREAS OF BEIRUT WERE AN EFFORT TO FORCE THE CHRISTIANS TO MAKE CONCESSIONS. SAIB SALAM, A FORMER PRIME MINISTER AND A MODERATE MUSLIM LEADER, HAS WARNED THAT IF REFORMS ARE NOT MADE SOON, "THE WHOLE SYSTEM WILL BE SWEEP AWAY." 4

KAMAL JUMBLATT AND OTHER LEBANESE LEFTISTS WERE IN DAMASCUS ON TUESDAY, MEETING WITH PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION LEADER YASIR ARAFAT, SAIQA CHIEF ZUHAYR MUHSIN, AND POPULAR DEMOCRATIC FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE LEADER NAYIF HAWATMAH.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE BRIEF 164-75.4

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: EVEN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, WHICH IN 1959 BECAME THE FIRST LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRY TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH CUBA AND HAS LONG FEARED CASTRO'S EXPORT OF THE REVOLUTION, MAY BE GETTING READY TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT TOWARD IMPROVED RELATIONS.4

ON OCTOBER 12 A FIVE-MAN DELEGATION OF CUBAN COMMUNIST PARTY OFFICIALS--INCLUDING OSVALDO CARDENAS, AN IMPORTANT FIGURE IN THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S AMERICAS DEPARTMENT--ARRIVED IN SANTO DOMINGO AT THE INVITATION OF THE "COMMITTEE OF FRIENDS OF CUBA." IT IS THE FIRST VISIT BY A PARTY DELEGATION SINCE RELATIONS WERE BROKEN. ALTHOUGH THE VISIT IS UNOFFICIAL, THE CUBANS COULD HARDLY HAVE ENTERED THE COUNTRY WITHOUT PRESIDENT SALAGUER'S APPROVAL. OTHER INDICATORS INCLUDE A VISIT BY A CABINET SUBSECRETARY TO HAVANA FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND THE PUBLICATION OF A PAPER BY THE GOVERNMENT'S CENTER FOR EXPORT PROMOTION CALLING FOR ECONOMIC CONTACTS WITH CUBA. THERE ARE ALSO REPORTS THAT CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER ROA HAS REQUESTED THAT THE DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT SEND A HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION TO AN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION

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MEETING BEGINNING IN HAVANA ON OCTOBER 31.4

THE GOVERNMENT'S HANDLING THIS MONTH OF THE AMATEURISH GUERRILLA EFFORT THAT BEGAN ON JUNE 1 WHEN THREE PUERTO RICANS LANDED THREE DOMINICANS ON THE COAST FITS INTO THIS PATTERN. THE GOVERNMENT, AFTER QUICKLY CAPTURING THE PUERTO RICANS, ORIGINALLY CHARGED THAT THE THREE MEN THEY HAD BROUGHT WERE GUERRILLAS FROM CUBA. THIS PRODUCED WIDESPREAD SUSPICION THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD CONCOCTED THE STORY TO COVER A LEFTIST ROUNDUP. BUT THIS MONTH POLICE CAPTURED TWO OF THE GUERRILLAS AND LATER KILLED THE THIRD. ALL THREE MEN HAD SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME IN CUBA. IN ADDITION, THE OPERATION WAS APPARENTLY BACKED BY THE PUERTO RICAN SOCIALIST PARTY, WHICH IS CLOSELY LINKED TO HAVANA. SIGNIFICANTLY, HOWEVER, DESPITE SEVERAL PRESS CONFERENCES WITH THE CAPTURED GUERRILLAS, THERE HAS BEEN NO FURTHER HIGHLIGHTING OF A CUBAN CONNECTION.4

THE WARMING TREND IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE, ALTHOUGH AT A CAUTIOUS PACE. LIKE MOST OF ITS NEIGHBORS, THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC PROBABLY SEES LITTLE FUTURE IN A CONTINUED HOSTILE STANCE THAT COULD EVENTUALLY LEAVE IT ISOLATED IN THE CARIBBEAN. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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EUROPEAN BRIEF 164-75.4

1. PORTUGAL: THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT, AS WELL AS ITS COMMUNIST AND FAR-LEFT ANTAGONISTS, APPEARS TO BE BOLSTERING ITS POSITION IN PREPARATION FOR MORE CONFRONTATIONS THAT COULD COME LATER THIS WEEK.4

THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED ON MONDAY THAT IT HAD REMOVED FOUR DISTRICT GOVERNORS—IN LISBON, BRAGA IN THE CONSERVATIVE NORTH, CASTELO BRANCO IN RURAL EASTERN PORTUGAL, AND FARO ON THE SOUTHERN COAST. THE REMOVALS, ONE IN EACH OF THE COUNTRY'S FOUR MILITARY REGIONS, SUGGEST THE GOVERNMENT MAY BE WARNING ITS OPPONENTS THAT IT IS PREPARED TO EXERCISE ITS AUTHORITY WHEREVER IT IS CHALLENGED. THE ACTION IS THE FIRST STEP IN FULFILLING A PROMISE MADE EARLIER BY PRIME MINISTER AZEVEDO THAT LEFTIST LOCAL ADMINISTRATORS WHO SEIZED OFFICE AFTER THE APRIL 25, 1974 COUP WOULD BE REPLACED. THE NEW GOVERNORS, WHO WILL UNDOUBTEDLY REFLECT THE VIEWS OF THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT, HAVE NOT YET BEEN NAMED.4

THE GOVERNMENT TOOK ANOTHER STEP ON MONDAY TO LESSEN THE COMMUNISTS' HOLD ON THE MEDIA. LIBEL PROCEEDINGS WERE INSTITUTED

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AGAINST A LISBON PAPER CONTROLLED BY PRO-COMMUNIST WORKERS,
 FOLLOWING AN ATTACK ON GENERAL MELO EGIDIO, HEAD OF THE NEW MILITARY
 INTERVENTION FORCE SET UP TO RESTORE MILITARY DISCIPLINE AND
 MAINTAIN PUBLIC ORDER. THE PAPER HAD ACCUSED THE GENERAL OF
 MURDERING "DOZENS OF MOZAMBICANS" DURING A RECENT TOUR OF DUTY
 IN AFRICA."

TO FURTHER THE OPPOSITION'S PLANS, IT WAS ANNOUNCED ON MONDAY
 THAT A WORKERS' ORGANIZATION, WORKERS UNITED WILL WIN, HAS
 BEEN ORGANIZED. THE NEW GROUP, WHICH CLAIMS TO REPRESENT WORKERS
 FROM 23 CORPORATIONS IN THE LISBON AREA, ADVOCATES ARMING THE
 WORKERS AND OVERTHROWING THE GOVERNMENT IN FAVOR OF A MORE
 REVOLUTIONARY ONE."

IN ADDITION TO THE ATTACK ON GENERAL MELO EGIDIO, THE
 OPPOSITION CONTINUES TO CRITICIZE THE COMMANDER OF THE NORTHERN
 MILITARY REGION, GENERAL PIRES VELOSO. VELOSO, WHOSE ATTEMPTS TO
 MAINTAIN MILITARY DISCIPLINE IN HIS COMMAND HAVE MADE HIM THE FOCAL
 POINT OF ANTI-GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATIONS, HAS BEEN ACCUSED OF
 TRYING TO UNDERMINE A COMPROMISE REACHED LAST WEEK BETWEEN

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REBELLIOUS TROOPS IN THE NORTH AND ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF FABIAO.

THE OPPOSITION'S ACCUSATIONS COULD IN FACT HAVE SOME BASIS, IN LIGHT OF REPORTS THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS DISPLEASED WITH FABIAO COMPROMISE MEASURES AND MAY SOON BE REPLACED.4

AS POSITIONS CONTINUE TO HARDEN, PRO-GOVERNMENT MILITARY FIGURES HAVE BEGUN TO ZERO IN ON THE OPPOSITION. CAPTAIN VASCO LOURENCO, A KEY MEMBER OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, HAS PUT THE BLAME FOR INSUBORDINATION IN THE MILITARY ON THE COMMUNISTS AND THE FAR LEFT. COLONEL JAIME NEVES, COMMANDER OF THE CRACK COMMANDO REGIMENT THAT WILL FORM THE BACKBONE OF THE NEW SECURITY FORCE, HAS REFERRED TO AN OPPOSITION PLOT THAT WILL SURELY LEAD TO ARMED CLASHES.4

THE CHANCES FOR SUCH CLASHES WILL INCREASE LATER THIS WEEK. ON THURSDAY, THE COMMUNISTS AND THE FAR LEFT ARE PLANNING A MAJOR ANTI-GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATION IN LISBON. ON FRIDAY, THE FINDINGS OF AN INQUIRY INTO RECENT INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE IN PORTO ARE DUE, AND SATURDAY IS THE DEADLINE SET BY COSTA GOMES FOR TURNING IN ILLEGALLY HELD ARMS. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE SECURITY FORCES SAID ON TUESDAY THAT NOT A SINGLE WEAPON HAD BEEN SURRENDERED IN

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RESPONSE TO THE APPEAL, WHICH WAS ISSUED FOUR DAYS AGO. {CONFIDENTIAL}

2. YUGOSLAVIA: PRESIDENT TITO MAY SOON MOVE DECISIVELY AGAINST HIS DOMESTIC OPPONENTS, WITH PRO-SOVIET, STALINIST ELEMENTS HIS PRINCIPAL TARGETS.

WIDESPREAD RUMORS IN BELGRADE CLAIM THAT A MAJOR SHOW TRIAL OF SO-CALLED COMINFORMISTS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. AN EAST EUROPEAN DIPLOMAT HAS SAID THAT ONE OR TWO "PROMINENT PERSONALITIES" WILL BE ARRESTED FOR COMINFORMIST ACTIVITIES.

LAST WEEK, THE TOP PARTY LEADERSHIP MET TO DISCUSS DOMESTIC SUBVERSION. THE PARTY SIMULTANEOUSLY ISSUED A STERN WARNING IN ITS WEEKLY KOMMUNIST BOTH AGAINST UNCONSCIOUS SUPPORTERS OF STALINISM AND THOSE WHO ACTUALLY "FOLLOW THE ROAD OF NATIONAL BETRAYAL AND COUNTERREVOLUTION." IN THE PAST, THE LATTER CHARGE HAS PRESAGED VERY STIFF PUNISHMENT OF DISSIDENTS.

THE THREAT OF A MAJOR PURGE HAS BEEN GROWING SINCE LAST SUMMER, WHEN TITO GAVE THE INTERNAL SECURITY DEPARTMENT LEADS UNSPECIFIED "SPECIFIC TASKS" FOR THE FUTURE. WITH THE RECENT EXAMPLES OF

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PORTUGAL AND SPAIN PRESUMABLY IN MIND, THE 83-YEAR-OLD PRESIDENT MAY WELL BE DETERMINED TO CLEAR THE SLATE—BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE—OF THOSE REGIME OPPONENTS HOVERING ON THE FRINGE OF OUTRIGHT OPPOSITION.

IN ADDITION TO STALINIST SUBVERSIVES—12 MORE OF WHOM HAVE REPORTEDLY BEEN ARRESTED—THE LIKELY CANDIDATES FOR ARREST INCLUDE SUPPORTERS OF TITO'S FORMER HEIR-APPARENT, ALEKSANDR RANKOVIC, AND POSSIBLY A SPRINKLING OF PRO-WESTERN LIBERALS LIKE MILOVAN DJILAS.⁴

THE PRO-WESTERN DISSIDENTS WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE SWEEP FOR BOTH DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN REASONS. AT HOME, TITO DOES NOT WANT ANY MOVES AGAINST STALINISTS TO RAISE THE HOPES OF THE LIBERAL REFORMERS HE SACKED IN 1972 AND 1973. EXTERNALLY, BELGRADE PRESUMABLY WANTS TO AVOID A SERIOUS DETERIORATION IN RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW, ALREADY STRAINED BY DIFFERENCES OVER THE EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTY CONFERENCE PREPARATIONS AND IMPROVING YUGOSLAV-CHINESE TIES.⁴

THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT THE MAIN FOCUS WILL BE ON REAL OR POTENTIAL DOMESTIC SOURCES OF SOVIET INFLUENCE. THE YUGOSLAVS MIGHT EVEN BE TEMPTED TO INCLUDE VLADO DAPCEVIC, AN EMIGRE EXILE WHO HAS HAD SOVIET CONNECTIONS, IN A SHOW TRIAL. DAPCEVIC REPORTEDLY

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WAS KIDNAPED BY THE YUGOSLAV SECRET POLICE DURING A RECENT VISIT TO ROMANIA. {CONFIDENTIAL}4

3. USSR: THE CASE OF NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WINNER ANDREY SAKHAROV CONTINUES TO SIMMER. SAKHAROV TOLD WESTERN REPORTERS IN MOSCOW THAT HE HAS FORMALLY APPLIED FOR PERMISSION TO TRAVEL TO OSLO FOR THE DECEMBER 10 AWARD CEREMONY. AND THAT HE HAS ASKED FOR A "SPEEDY REPLY." HE WAS GUARDED ABOUT HIS CHANCES FOR GOING, BUT SAID HE WAS "NOT SKEPTICAL."

MEANWHILE, THE PRESS IS SPECULATING THAT THE SOVIETS MAY "EXPEL" SAKHAROV BY ALLOWING HIM TO LEAVE BUT NOT TO RETURN. SAKHAROV'S WIFE, WHO IS SLATED TO RETURN TO MOSCOW AT THE END OF THE MONTH AFTER EYE SURGERY IN ITALY, QUICKLY TOLD REPORTERS THAT HER HUSBAND BELIEVES THIS SPECULATION TO BE A KGB PLANT. THE DANISH PRESS HAS HINTED THAT ITS SOURCES ARE THE EMIGRE PARTICIPANTS IN THE "SAKHAROV HEARING" ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE USSR, WHICH WAS

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LAST WEEK SAKHAROV'S WIFE WAS REPORTEDLY WARNED
 BY SOVIET DIPLOMATS IN ITALY AGAINST FURTHER
 "POLITICAL ACTIVITY"--A PROBABLE CONSEQUENCE OF HER
 PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING THE NOBEL AWARD TO HER
 HUSBAND. "POLITICAL SILENCE" REPORTEDLY WAS THE
 MAJOR CONDITION IMPOSED BY SOVIET OFFICIALS IN RE-
 TURN FOR FINALLY GRANTING HER REPEATED REQUESTS TO
 GO ABROAD FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT. HER CONTINUED
 STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS COULD MEAN THAT SHE CON-
 SIDERS THE WARNING A PRELUDE TO BEING BARRED FROM
 RETURNING HOME--SOMETHING SHE AND HER HUSBAND MAY
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REFUSE TO ALLOW THE REFUGEES TO DISEMBARK UNLESS THE US ACKNOWLEDGES ITS "RESPONSIBILITY" FOR ALL THE REFUGEES AND AGREES TO GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUTURE REPATRIATION. THE COMMUNISTS APPEAR TO BE CLAIMING THAT MANY OTHERS NOW LIVING IN US "CONCENTRATION CAMPS" WILL REQUEST REPATRIATION.//4

//DESPITE THEIR DENUNCIATION OF THE "UNILATERAL" ACTION OF THE US, THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS HAVE THUS FAR STOPPED SHORT OF ANY CALL FOR DIRECT TALKS BETWEEN SAIGON AND THE US ON THE REFUGEE QUESTION. THEY MAY, HOWEVER, BE TEMPTED TO DO THIS, REASONING THAT CONSIDERABLE PROPAGANDA ADVANTAGE COULD BE DERIVED FROM A US REFUSAL TO DEAL WITH SAIGON.//4

//THE COMMUNISTS' APPARENT DETERMINATION TO BRING THE ENTIRE REFUGEE QUESTION TO A HEAD WAS REFLECTED IN THEIR WARNING SUNDAY TO UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM THAT THEY REJECT THE US DECISION TO RETURN THE REFUGEES FROM GUAM AND THAT THEY WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANYTHING THAT MIGHT HAPPEN.//4

//IN WHAT MAY BE AN ATTEMPT TO CONTRAST THE ALLEGED IRRESPONSIBILITY OF THE US AND ITS DISREGARD OF THE REFUGEES' WELFARE

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WITH COMMUNIST GENEROSITY AND GOOD WILL, HANOI ANNOUNCED ON MONDAY THAT THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT IN SAIGON WILL RELEASE AMERICANS AND OTHER FOREIGNERS, MOST OF WHOM HAVE BEEN DENIED PERMISSION TO LEAVE SOUTH VIETNAM SINCE THE COMMUNIST VICTORY LAST APRIL. HANOI STATED THAT THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES HAS AGREED TO ASSIST THIS REPATRIATION, WHICH "MAY BE CARRIED OUT IN LATE OCTOBER OR EARLY NOVEMBER."//4

//THE TIMING OF THE RELEASE, HOWEVER, RAISES THE POSSIBILITY THAT HANOI WILL MAKE THE DEPARTURE OF THE AMERICANS AND OTHER FOREIGNERS CONDITIONAL ON A "SATISFACTORY" ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY THE US OF ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR RESOLVING THE GENERAL VIETNAMESE REFUGEE PROBLEM. {CONFIDENTIAL}//E-2 IMPDET.H

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